

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA : Docket No.: 2011 CTF 17412
: :
vs. : :
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LAMONT BUTLER : :
: :
Defendant. : :
: October 25, 2011
-----X Washington, D.C.

The above-entitled action came on for a hearing before the Honorable FREDERICK SULLIVAN, Magistrate Judge, in Courtroom Number 120.

APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of the Defendant:

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2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: District of Columbia versus
3 Lamont Butler, 2011 CTF 17413; 2011 17412, page two, numbers
4 eight and 16, Status Hearing Calendar.

5 MR. LAMONT: Good morning.

6 THE COURT: Number -- number eight, right?

7 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Yes, number eight and number
8 16.

9 THE GOVERNMENT: Your Honor, I have a plea offer
10 from the assigned Assistant Attorney General, I'm passing it
11 over to the defendant. And just for the record, it's a one-
12 for-one plea offer. If the defendant pleads guilty to 2011
13 CTF 17412, the Government will dismiss 2011 CTF 17413, and
14 the Government will recommend a suspended sentence and a
15 year of unsupervised probation.

16 Also, Your Honor, the defendant has filed a motion
17 in this case challenging the court's jurisdiction. The
18 Government is inquiring as to whether it should file a
19 written response, and if so, by what date.

20 THE COURT: What have you got? Let's -- why don't
21 you give him the plea offer?

22 THE GOVERNMENT: I handed it over, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. What are you going to do,
24 Mr. Butler?

25 MR. BUTLER: For the record, sir --

1 THE COURT: Everything's for the -- Mr. Butler,
2 everything's --

3 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

4 THE COURT: -- for the record.

5 MR. BUTLER: Okay. No problem.

6 THE COURT: You don't have to say that. Act like
7 a lawyer if you're going to be your own lawyer. Tell me
8 what you want to do.

9 MR. BUTLER: I am Lamont El. I am not the
10 corporate entity known as --

11 THE COURT: Mr. Butler, I just want to know if
12 you're accepting the Government's plea offer, yes or no?

13 MR. BUTLER: Could you repeat the offer, sir?

14 THE COURT: One for one.

15 MR. BUTLER: Sir, I'm sorry, I challenged the
16 court's jurisdiction, and once the court's jurisdiction --

17 THE COURT: Well -- and, Mr. Butler?

18 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

19 THE COURT: I'm going to rule on your motion right
20 now. I deny it all. You've made all these demands; I have
21 it. The law clerk went over it. You wanted a writ of
22 discovery, you want to know about the delegation of
23 authority, you want to know about proof that the court has -
24 - doesn't have jurisdiction. All of that stuff, that's all
25 a matter of public record.

1 You are representing yourself. You want to act
2 like a lawyer, you act like a lawyer. That's all a public
3 record, you can get all of that. I'm denying -- I'm denying
4 all of the writ for discovery, I'm denying all of your
5 requests because I feel they were all specious. All right?
6 So --

7 MR. BUTLER: I'm sorry, did you take an oath to
8 the Constitution, sir?

9 THE COURT: I -- I looked at it, I -- I looked at
10 it -- we -- it's all right there.

11 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

12 THE COURT: I deny it all. Now, what do you want
13 to do? Let's cut through the bologna here and tell me what
14 you want to do. All right?

15 MR. BUTLER: Are you referring to me, sir?

16 THE COURT: Yeah. I'm -- I'm -- I'm telling you,
17 what do you want to do, do you want to take the Government's
18 plea offer --

19 MR. BUTLER: Well, I move that --

20 THE COURT: Wait a second --

21 MR. BUTLER: Okay.

22 THE COURT: -- Mr. Butler. You want to take the
23 Government's plea offer or do you want to go to trial?
24 Those are your choices.

25 MR. BUTLER: I move that this case be moved to a

1 Article III courtroom with a Article III judge.

2 THE COURT: All right. Put him on Judge Epstein's
3 calendar.

4 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Okay.

5 THE COURT: We'll give you a status date in front
6 of Judge Epstein. Note that the -- the defendant's motions
7 have been denied.

8 MR. BUTLER: Sir, for the record, I didn't file
9 any motions, I filed all affidavit of facts.

10 THE COURT: That -- we took it as a motion because
11 that's the only way you can get anything done in this court.

12 MR. BUTLER: Well, sir, I don't know what this
13 court is. It's foreign to my nation, sir.

14 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Butler -- Mr. Butler, I
15 agree with you, you probably don't because you're not a
16 lawyer.

17 MR. BUTLER: Because this is foreign.

18 THE COURT: And you want to act like a lawyer,
19 that's -- that's your business.

20 MR. BUTLER: So did you say --

21 THE COURT: I'm telling you straight up, you don't
22 know what you're doing.

23 MR. BUTLER: Sir, did you take an oath to the
24 Constitution, sir?

25 THE COURT: It's none of your business what I did.

1 MR. BUTLER: It's not? Okay.

2 THE COURT: You don't question me.

3 MR. BUTLER: Well --

4 THE COURT: I question you; do you understand
5 that?

6 (Pause)

7 THE COURT: Put him on Judge Epstein's calendar.
8 All his motions are denied.

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: The next available date before
10 Judge Epstein is --

11 THE COURT: Come over here and sign notice to show
12 up on Judge Epstein's calendar.

13 THE DEPUTY CLERK: -- December 7th, 2011.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 THE DEPUTY CLERK: That's a Wednesday at 9:30.
16 Sir, you're signing notice to appear back before
17 the Court December 7th at 9:30 a.m. in courtroom 217.
18 Failure to appear back in court on that day will subject you
19 to a \$1,000 fine, 180 days in jail, or both, for your
20 failure to appear; do you understand the warning?

21 MR. BUTLER: I understand, but I do not consent.

22 THE COURT: You don't consent to come back?

23 MR. BUTLER: Sir, on the grounds of --

24 THE COURT: You want to sign -- hold on a second.

25 MR. BUTLER: -- duress and coercion --

1 THE COURT: Hold on a second.

2 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

3 THE COURT: You either sign to come back or I'm
4 going to put you in custody to assure that you come back,
5 because your release condition is that you promise to come
6 back. Now, either sign and consent to come back or I'm
7 going to hold you without bond. Now, what is it? Just tell
8 me what it is.

9 MR. BUTLER: Just to be clear, sir.

10 THE COURT: No, no, no, I'm being as clear --

11 MR. BUTLER: I'm going to -- I'm going to sign on
12 the grounds of I do not want to be held in bond, yes.

13 THE COURT: All right. Sign it.

14 (Thereupon, the proceedings were concluded.)
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